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Title : AORTIC CATHETER WITH POROUS AORTIC ROOT
BALLOON AND METHODS FOR INDUCING
CARDIOPLEGIC ARREST
Appl. No. : 09/919,676
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Applicants : Wilfred J. Samson, et al.
Art Unit : 3763
Examiner : Loan H. Thanh

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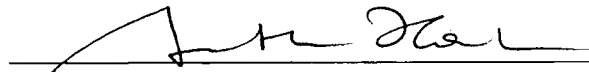
Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of October 21, 2003, the response for which is due November 21, 2003, Applicants elect without traverse species A, corresponding to claims 1-15, 21, 27 and 28 for consideration on the merits. Upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants reserve- the right to reintroduce claims directed to the non-elected species.

Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention assignee's currently pending Application Serial No. 10/267,254, filed October 8, 2002 and submit herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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